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Date: June 29, 2017

RE: MUR7251

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of your correspondence from Mr. Jeff Jordan regarding MUR7251. As is provided in your correspondence, I wish to explain the facts, as few as they are, regarding the ridiculous charges alleged by Mr. Fowlkes

First, the check that I received from Senator Loudermilk was a complete surprise to me. There was never any expectation, expressed or implied, that there was to be any kind of return contribution. I assumed the check was sent in the process of closing out his Georgia Senate Campaign Fund. Such a distribution is permissible under law as I understand it.

Secondly, the Tippins for State Senate contribution to Mr. Loudermilk's Congressional Campaign Fund is the customary amount of donation that I send to my colleagues in contested races. This can be verified by examination of past disclosure statements. I have had a great respect for the service to our state by Barry Loudermilk and I was pleased to be an early supporter of his bid for Congress.

The charge that my contributions to Mr. Loudermilk's campaign was the result of a scheme to circumvent federal law is as preposterous as it is false.

If indeed I am precluded by federal law to receive an unsolicited contribution from a Senate colleague, I will be more than happy to return the funds.

I hereby swear that all of the statements made herein are true and accurate.

Sworn before me this 29th day of June, 2017

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Respectfully,

Lindsey Tippins